

## BANANA GROWING IS PROFITABLE AT ONE CENT A POUND

Figures Show Two Hundred Dollars An Acre To Be Growers' Net Return

### CALIFORNIA GRAPES GIVE ONLY FIFTY

Member of Food Commission Makes Suggestions To Those Drive Benefitted

Banana growing may be a highly profitable industry in the Hawaiian Islands and its scope may be largely increased, as was said in the letter of W. A. Anderson to The Advertiser. Further, this can be done when bananas sell for a cent a pound, as is shown by figures furnished by W. H. Hoogs Sr., who has been giving the question considerable study.

An acre of land will grow and support 1000 banana trees, the figures given show. One bunch of fruit to each tree, the average bunch weighing forty pounds, would give a production for the acre of 40,000 pounds which at one cent a pound would yield \$400 an acre. It is pointed out that now the growers are receiving from the shippers less than a cent a pound, the present prices ranging from 47 1/2 cents to 55 cents a bunch. They do not buy as the marketing division.

It is estimated that bananas cost to grow and to market, on an average, half a cent a pound. Cost per acre is thus \$200 and profit is \$200 an acre each year.

In California the average yield of grapes is five tons to the acre, the cost of growing and marketing is \$10 a ton, the grower receives \$20 a ton at the winery and his profit is \$10 a ton or \$50 an acre as compared with a profit of \$200 an acre for bananas in Hawaii.

Paying sixty-five cents a bunch for large bunches of bananas, delivered at the pier, the shipper must also pay freight and as to what he receives at present, delivered in San Francisco, the figures have not been secured. It is to be presumed the price is well over original cost and freight. On March 20 the quotation on Hawaiian bananas in the San Francisco market was \$2 to \$3 a bunch. The difference between the price paid here to the growers and the market price in San Francisco includes the profit of the shipper, freight from here to the mainland, deliveries and the profit of the wholesaler there.

### Space for Shipments

Allotment of space for the last shipments of 3000 bunches on the Korea Maru and the Manoa was as follows:

A. J. Campbell, 34 percent.  
E. L. Marshall, 20 percent.  
C. Adams, 14 percent.  
Charles Lamb, 9 percent.  
Chung Hoon, 6 1/2 percent.  
Ah Ki, 1 percent.  
M. D. Vanvalles, 1 percent.  
Hon Kee, 1 percent.  
Kwong Sing Wai, 1 1/2 percent.  
Mrs. W. A. Anderson, 4 percent.  
Wong Kam Chang, 1 percent.  
H. E. Hoffman, 1 percent.  
W. H. Hoogs Sr., has sent the following letter to The Advertiser:

Editor Advertiser: Through your persistent efforts, you have caused the banana growers to recognize the fact that the public have some rights.

You have settled the question of supply by having Mr. Anderson and the Chinese growers coming to the public's rescue with a supply that will be adequate for all needs—bread and otherwise.

I would respectfully ask in view of the fact that Messrs. Dillingham and Campbell received all the benefit of the patriotic drive of the "Eat a Banana Campaign."

1. That they send a bunch of bananas to each person that paid for their bananas and have not received them.

2. That they make good the following amounts collected for advertising the drive of the campaign:—\$ 300.00  
The Advertiser and other publications 200.00  
Love's Bakery 100.00  
Services of one who took part in said drive, including the Boy Scouts 1,000.00

and pay it over to the Red Cross Fund, in Honolulu.

3. Through your continued publicity, you can prevent the retailers from charging the public exorbitant prices.

4. The Food Commission expects shortly to have authority to issue permits for the exporting of bananas, and will issue them only when Honolulu is amply taken care of both in price and supply.

Mr. Anderson is right where he says let us get together, but the Public must always come first, with Private interests of secondary consideration.

Yours respectfully,  
W. H. HOOGS, SR.  
Member, Territorial Food Commission.

W. S. S.

## MERGER OF EXPRESS COMPANIES PLANNED

WASHINGTON, April 2—(Associated Press)—Express companies and the government railroad administration are considering radical moves. The merger of the express companies under a new corporation, and their operation as a unit, is being considered by representatives of the company and the railroad administration. The basis of distribution of the profits is the point now being an agreement.

MACON, Georgia, March 23—(Associated Press)—Baker reports to the Vincke manager here today. He brought with him a half-dozen extra heavy bats which he had made to order during the winter.

## Members of "Assemblies of God" Claim Exemption

Four Haoles and One Chinese Say Their Religious Principles Forbid Them To Kill But Their Plea Is Turned Down Cold By Exemption Board

Four haoles and one Chinese, all of draft age, appealed to the selective draft officer of the Territory to claim exemption from military service on the ground that they were members of a religious organization known as "The Assemblies of God," and could not take up arms to kill or be killed, or participate in any action where human life was at stake. Their request was turned down cold yesterday by Capt. H. Gooding Field, selective-draft officer.

Accompanying their appeal, which reached Captain Field, through Local Board No. 1 of Honolulu, was a pamphlet which set forth the aims and principles of the organization, which has its headquarters at 2945 Madison Street, St. Louis, Missouri, to which was also attached a letter signed by Stanley Frodsham, secretary, and imprinted with the organization's great seal.

### Affirm Loyalty

In asking for exemption from military service, H. Johns, who heads the list, and the four others, signed a letter stating that while they recognized "human government as of divine origin, and affirming our unwavering loyalty to the government of the United States," they, nevertheless, were constrained to decline their position with reference to taking human life.

While purposing to fulfill all the obligations of local citizenship, they felt, nevertheless, they must declare that they could not consistently participate in war which, they said, involved the actual destruction of life, on the ground that such destruction was contrary to the teachings and the rule of God, which was the sole basis of their faith.

It was furthermore claimed by the quintet that this system of fundamental truths, as they expressed it, was not intended as a creed, nor as a passing of fellowship among Christians, but "only as a basis of unity of ministry alone, to wit, that we all speak the same thing," and then asked Captain Field to look up Corinthians 1st and Acts 11:42.

### Some Big Words

The quintet entered into a lengthy argument, adding that the human phraseology in such statement as they were making is not intended to set forth the truth of such phrases, but is held to be essential to the full gospel meaning.

Captain Field was rather nonplussed at the high sounding phrases, but acted promptly in denying the appeal, and they will have to stand their chances in the lottery of the selection of draftees to do the khaki of the army.

The question before the selective draft officials was whether these persons came within the interpretation of Section 79 of the Selective Service regulations, rule 4, which permits the exemption of any registrant who is found to be a member of any well recognized religious sect or organization existing on May 9, 1917, and whose existing creed or principles for bid members from participating in war in any form.

W. S. S.

## RATES TO ORIENT ARE SOON TO BE HIGHER

Agents in San Francisco Forecast Considerable Increases

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23—An increase in freight rates from San Francisco to Japan to \$25 a ton may be expected during the months of May, June, July and August, with a further probable increase to \$35 a ton, according to H. K. Scott, president of the Trans Oceanic Company, agents here for the Ocean Transport Company of Kobe, Japan.

This is said to be due to heavy movement of foodstuffs from the Orient here, the contrary movement of steel to Japan, the scarcity of tonnage complicated by the withdrawal from service of the Dutch ships.

Freight rates in the Orient have increased remarkably, Scott said. Space for rice is selling at from \$50 to \$60 a ton in Hongkong. At the same time shippers are complaining in regard to the government's action in the issuance of export licenses to Japan. It is rumored that Japan is to be allowed 300,000 tons of steel ship's plates in return for 150,000 ship tonnage. A hundred thousand tons of plates are said to be awaiting export licenses here.

W. S. S.

## AVIATOR TOM GUNN ARRESTED IN DETROIT

Tom Gunn, a Chinese aviator, who will be remembered here as making several conspicuous failures while trying to give an aviation exhibition in Honolulu and Hilo several years ago, was arrested in Detroit recently by federal agents and is charged with being an agent for Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the Chinese revolutionist. Chinese in San Francisco say that Gunn has been raising money on the mainland for the purpose of buying airplanes with which to equip the revolutionary forces in Southern China.

When Gunn was in Honolulu recently, he made a statement that he was commissioned by the Chinese government to purchase airplanes for China's army.

## SEATTLE COMPANY ENLARGING PLANT

Drydock and Repairing Center Will Be Much Increased Under New Plans

The Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Company, said to be the leading drydocking and repairing center on the North Pacific Coast, is planning to construct a 12,000-ton floating drydock for its plant on Elliot Bay.

The plant now has one 12,000-ton floating drydock and one 3000-ton drydock, which have greatly strengthened Seattle's position in the shipping world since their construction. Its new drydock should attract the attention of shippers from all parts of the world, as it will be equipped with all modern facilities, so that in the event of mishap or disaster, the means are at hand for restoring the ships to seaworthy condition.

The site upon which the proposed drydock will be constructed is more than six acres, and is situated on the bay. It has been leased for ten years by the plant from the Pioneer Sand and Gravel Company of Seattle, the deal having been closed between the two concerns some time ago.

The cost of ship construction and repair work of the Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Company exceeded \$3,000,000 last year. The work included the repair of a number of seized German ships now operating under the shipping board's control, the vessels steaming efficiently in operation that across the plant's work met the most rigorous requirements. The cruiser Boston was rebuilt into a cargo ship by this plant, for the United States, and repair work on Seattle and foreign vessels was handled by the concern on a large scale.

The steamer Nanking, formerly known as the Congress is being reconstructed by the Seattle Dry Dock Company, and is considered one of the greatest reconstruction and repair jobs in the history of the Pacific. The work is near completion.

The Congress was damaged by fire off the coast of Oregon while bound from San Francisco for Seattle, between which ports she formerly plied, when owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. Damage done was so great that it has been necessary to rebuild her.

Employs Large Force

The company at present employs about six thousand workmen, two thousand of whom are steadily employed on repair work, while the remaining four thousand are kept busy building new cargo ships for the United States government.

The steamship Sutherland, a steel craft of 7800 tons, sister ship to the shipping board steamer Sacramento, was constructed and launched by the concern last January, and turned over to the shipping board late last month. She, like the Sacramento, is a commandered vessel.

W. S. S.

## SCHOONER HELENE IS FAST ON SANDS

Reports From Mainland Say She Grounded March 20

The four-masted schooner Helene which sailed from this port early last month for Seattle, with a cargo of sugar on board, is reported by the Daily Journal of Commerce as having gone ashore on March 20, and is still high on the sand at Point Hudson. It is reported that she grounded while attempting to sail into Port Townsend in the Washington coast.

The Helene is owned by Allen & Robinson of this city, and is 728 tons. She is 202 feet long and has been in the trade between here and San Francisco for a long time past.

Immediately after she struck, her skipper, Captain Lambie, and the crew, knowing the danger, got into one of the lifeboats and rowed to shore. There are twenty members of the crew, all of whom arrived safely in Seattle.

It is reported that the U. S. S. Arca is one of the vessels standing by, giving all possible help, and ready to haul the Helene as soon as the opportunity arrives.

W. S. S.

## SHIPBUILDING STOPS FOR LACK OF STEEL

The Kaasdo Shipbuilding Yard at Shimomatsu, in Yamaguchi prefecture Japan, owned by the Nippon Kaisha Kaisha Steamship Company, closed down the shipbuilding industry there and dismissed its five hundred and more workmen during the early part of last month, according to recent advices from Japan.

It is said that the closing of the yard was mainly attributable to the steel shortage of the United States. Most of the dismissed workmen left the town and went to find employment with other shipbuilding concerns, while the materials formerly used by the Kaasdo Shipbuilding Yard will be transferred to the Inoshima Dock Yard.

W. S. S.

## ZBYSZKO AND CUTLER MATCHED FOR APRIL 3

WATERLOO, Louisiana, March 22—Wladek Zbyszko and Charlie Cutler have been matched to meet in a finish wrestling match here April 3, local promoters announced today.

Efforts to secure Joe Stecher as Zbyszko's opponent failed. Stecher declaring he was in the market for a match with Earl Caddock only.

## KAMEHAMEHAS WIN FROM HILO HIGH

Crescent City Five Go Down To Defeat Before Honolulu Interscholastic Champions

The Kamehameha School basketball team, champion of the 1918 interscholastic league, now visiting on the Big Island, defeated the Hilo High School on Tuesday evening at Hilo by the score of twenty-three to eleven.

While in Honolulu last week the Hilo High won close games from the McKinley High and Punahou, but lost its third and final game to St. Louis College, which finished second in this year's interscholastic season here and was the champion aggregation in 1915, 1916 and 1917.

The Kamehameha team to have played the Hilo Boarding School last night and have a return match to play tonight. The Hilo Boarding School defeated the Kamehameha last year at Hilo. The Kamehameha team will leave Hilo in the Mauna Kea at ten o'clock tomorrow morning for Lahaina, to join the Kamehameha Cadets, numbering more than a hundred, who are now visiting in Maui.

Relative to the visit of Kame team, the Hilo Post-Herald of last Monday was the following to say:

Headed by J. R. Borden, coach, the Kamehameha School team of basketball players arrived on the Mauna Kea of the Inter-Island line yesterday morning, all eager for the coming games with the Hilo High School and the Hilo Boarding School.

The team has been training and playing hard of late and feels confident that even though the local players give them a hard run for their money that they are going to win.

"We have the pep and the zip and the punch," grinned the manager, H. Godfrey this morning, "and those fellows are going to have their work cut out for them, believe me."

The members of the team who will take part in the games here and on Maui are:

"J. R. Borden, coach, Sam Fuller, captain and one of the forwards, Clarence Lake, guard, William Clark, center, Herman Clark, guard, Harold McGuire, forwards, and Allan McGuire, substitute and forward.

The first game here will be with the Hilo High School at the National Guard Armory tomorrow evening, and the second will be with the Hilo Boarding School team on Thursday evening.

The team will leave here Friday morning and will go direct to Wailuku, Maui, where there is to be a game Saturday.

This evening local graduates of the famous old school will give the team a warm welcome. The arrangement for this are in the hands of Stephen L. Deah Jr.

"There will be a charge of thirty cents admission to the games at the armory, to cover the actual expenses of the team."

## W. S. S.

## WILLARD AND FULTON

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According to this arrangement, if the fight should draw \$100,000, the fighters and promoter would share as follows:

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Of course, the higher the purse, goes for the receipts, for that matter—the bigger percentage for the champion and Miller, who is handling the contest. It virtually amounts to this, that Willard is practically the promoter, paying Miller a percentage for his work in connection with the bout.

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## "TOMMY" GIBBONS DEFEATS GUS CHRISTIE

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 22—Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul won a newspaper decision over Gus Christie, the Indianapolis middleweight, in their twelve round bout here tonight, the former leading in all but the fourth and twelfth rounds. Christie came back strong in the twelfth, but not sufficiently to retrieve laurels lost in the earlier sessions.

W. S. S.

## FORMER ENGLISH CHAMP TAKES THE FINAL CROWN

LONDON, April 4—(Associated Press)—Charlie Mitchell, who was at one time the middleweight champion of England, died yesterday. Mitchell, who was well along in years, had been out of the ring for several years, although he kept up his interest in the game right along. In his day Mitchell was well known.

The undaunted, which was Captain Jordan's first command, was taken over by the government soon after its completion at Mayor Rolph's shipbuilding plant in San Francisco.

## SPORTS

### OAKS SLAUGHTER POOR OLD SEALS

Vernon Wins Again and Tops Pacific Coast League: Angels Beat Bees

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Vernon	2	2	0	1.000
Salt Lake	2	1	1	.500
San Francisco	2	1	1	.500
Oakland	2	1	1	.500
Los Angeles	2	1	1	.500
Sacramento	2	0	2	.000

Yesterday's Results  
Vernon 5, Sacramento 4; ten innings.  
Los Angeles 6, Salt Lake 2.  
Oakland 17, San Francisco 4.

By winning yesterday from Sacramento its second straight game, Vernon tops the list in the Pacific Coast League standing, while San Francisco and Salt Lake lost out yesterday and dropped into the .500 column.

Vernon took its game from Sacramento yesterday by the close score of five to four run, the battle being only decided in the tenth inning. This game shows that Bill Rodgers' Senators are playing good ball, for they lost out on Tuesday, the opening day of the league, by a 4-2 score. Incidentally, the Tiger-Senator engagement was the best of the trio staged yesterday, as it was also the day before.

The Angels turned the tables on the McCredie Bees yesterday, for, having lost the day before, 7-5, Los Angeles emerged triumphant in the second battle of the season by the score of 6-2, the Seraphs having less trouble in winning yesterday than the Mormons had the day before.

Oaks Slaughter Seals  
The Oakland-San Francisco game yesterday was an awful thing, the Oaks winning hands down by the score of 17-4. They had no trouble at all in taking the Seals down a big peg while they went up to a tie with their San Francisco rivals. Oakland is noted for streaks of this nature, for when the Oaks win there is hardly ever any question of it being by other than a big margin.

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## LOT OF TALK BUT THEY MAY BATTLE

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## JOE HONAN IS NOW IN IRELAND; Forefather's Country

One-Time Stroke of Healan Senior Crew Doing Well in St. Patrick's Isle

Word was received yesterday from Joe Honan, well known in Honolulu as a "somewhere in Ireland," in the service of the United States Navy. He is connected with the repair department of the navy and does a lot of tinkering on warships and transports when they put into port.

Honan left Honolulu in the U. S. St. Louis with the Hawaii Naval Militia force three days after Uncle Sam declared war on the Hun.

Joe is happy and doing well in this land of his forefathers, he writes to his brother, Tom Honan, secretary of the Makapuu Point Fishing Club. "Hawaii is a great little land, but Ireland is also something real good, believe me."

Was Winning Stroke  
For seven consecutive years Joe Honan was stroke of the Healan senior rowing crew, and every time he stroked the Healan crew, he won the race. He has been winning, and he says that is just what Uncle Sam is going to do in this war.

Mrs. Honan and children are residing in this city, while the head of the family is doing his bit for the country "somewhere in Ireland." Joe is a son of Thomas A. Honan, Sr., of this city, and has a number of brothers here, some of whom may yet see service at the front in France. He was a volunteer and did not wait for the draft to send him to fight for his country.

W. S. S.

## IDAHO FOOTBALL STAR IN UNITED STATES AVIATION

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 26—(Associated Press)—Frosty Hartwell of Buhl, Idaho, who played guard on the University of Idaho football team last season has left school to enter the United States army flying corps. Hartwell was a heavy and aggressive player, and was reckoned as a valuable member of the team.

W. S. S.

## JOCKEY BADLY HURT

HOT SPRINGS, Arkansas, March 22—E. Stude, one of the most promising jockeys on the track here, was badly hurt today. He was riding Sixteen to One in the second race when he was crowded against the rail and cut down.

## ROMAN CHARIOTS TO BE SEEN NEXT JUNE

Ancient Race Will Be Revived At Territorial Fair At Kapoli Park

One of the big sensations at the Territorial Fair in June will be a real Roman chariot race, staged by horsemen from one of the organizations of the army. The military athletic committee has definitely determined to include this spectacular event in the program of sports. It will be the first time it ever has been seen in Hawaii, and, in the form they promise to present it, the chariot race will be one of the big bits of the entire program at the Kapoli Park track.

Clad in flowing, bright-robed, Roman costumes and standing up in their precarious, swaying, two-wheeled vehicles, the charioteers will drive their horses like mad around the course, each hand holding three or four animals. The race will be for a distance of half a mile.

Nerve Needed By Drivers  
It takes a horseman to handle a pair of animals, and particularly so when the steeds are driven four abreast. Add to this the frenzy of excitement aroused by the race, the terrific speed attained, and the danger and difficulty of standing upright in the evening chariots as they whirl along behind the running horses, and one conceives that the drivers must possess race knack and nerve as well as driving ability.

As the big circus stages Roman chariot races on the mainland, within the close confines of a three-ring tent, it is perhaps the most thrilling feature of the circus program. As the Army proposes to give it, with a real track to run on, where the horses can attain full speed and with a good prize awaiting the fastest team and cleverest charioteer, it should be a spectacle worth going a long way to see.

Will Train at Once  
The men and horses are being selected now and they will start training at once. The fleetest footed horses in the army will be used and the question of selection and training is a serious one for the reason that at present there is hardly a real running animal in the entire lot that has been broken to driving.

In the race they must not only be driven, but must be so well trained that practically no harness will be required. The driver will be permitted to have no means of control save a jerk line, the long whip and his voice.

Just what these drivers are going up against can be guessed from the fact that many of the best and most spirited mounts in the army insist upon their bucking contests with the riders each morning, before sobering down to the humdrum routine of parade and maneuvers.

It, likewise, will be fairly easy for those to guess, who have seen these animals in action, what they are likely to do when they are first hitched, four abreast, and hear the rumbling of that curious-shaped vehicle, the chariot behind them.

W. S. S.

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